(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the concerned private hospitals and the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Treatment of ECHS patients in empanelled hospitals is carried out only on a referral from an ECHS polyclinic. Bills are submitted by empanelled hospitals to the concerned ECHS polyclinic. These are then subjected to multi level checking before final approval is accorded by the competent financial Authority. Any excess charges are reduced. Payments are made strictly in accordance with the approved rates. Thus, there is a well established system of checks to prevent any misuse of this scheme by private hospitals.

Since most of the polyclinics are now functional, more and more patients are treated at the polyclinic level itself. Patients requiring further treatment are referred to service hospitals available locally and full facilities are utilised. If facilities are not available in service hospitals, only then the patients are referred to empanelled hospitals on the basis of specialist medical opinion. Strict norms are laid down to regulate expenditure and any procedure/treatment not listed in the rate list or *prima facie* high cost require prior approval of the competent authority. Bills submitted on the termination of treatment are processed through multi-level checks. Unauthorised charges are deducted to ensure strict cannot over expenditure.

Defence estate properties in Kingsway and Delhi University

2766. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of properties in Kingsway and Delhi University areas under the control of Defence Estate;

(b) the terms and conditions of allotment of these properties;

(c) whether the Defence Estate recognizes/allows the transfer/sale of these properties and if so, on what terms and conditions;

(d) the number of requests for such transfers received during the last three years, year-wise, and how many of them are pending and since when and for what reasons;

(e) the number of such requests cleared during the same period and on what terms and conditions; and

(f) the action proposed to make the process transparent?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Total of 16 properties in Kingsway and Delhi University areas are under the management of Defence Estate. The details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) The terms and conditions of allotment of these properties are as per the provisions in respective lease agreements/licence deeds/ agreements.

(c) Defence Estates Officer recognizes/allows transfer/sale of the properties as is permissible in terms of the lease agreement/licence deeds in which the property is held.

(d) and (e) Only one request of transfer has been received by the Defence Estates officer during the past 3 years which is pending since 5.4.2005. The applicant has been asked to furnish some relevant documents, which are awaited.

(f) Since recognition of the transfer/sale is dependent on the instrument of transfer/sale and compliance with the lease terms, the existing procedure is considered to be transparent.

Statement

Details of Properties in Kingsway and Delhi University under the control of Defence Estate

Sl.No.	Property No. & location	Area
1.	Property No. 3 Kingsway Camp, Delhi	2602 square feet
2.	Property No. 1 & 2, (Flat no. 4), Kingsway Camp, Delhi.	3969 square feet
3.	Flat No. 7, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	2602 square feet
4.	Flat No. 5, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	3869 square feet
5.	Flat No. 6, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	3138 square feet
6.	Flat No. 1, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	3736 square feet
7.	Flat No. 2, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	2602 square feet
8.	Flat No. 8, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	3736 square feet

Sl.No.	Property No. & location	Area
9.	Bungalow No. 2, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	28282 square feet
10.	Bungalow No.3, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	10453.83 square meters
11.	Bungalow No. 4, Cavalary Lines, Kingsway Camp, Delhi	3504.57 square meteres
12.	Bungalow No. 4, Cavalary Lines, University Road, Delhi	25750 square Yards
13.	Bungalow No. 5, Cavalary Lines, University Road, Delhi	1.249 Acres
14.	Bungalow No. 6, Cavalary Lines, University Road, Delhi	1.04 Acres
15.	Bungalow No. 7, Cavalary Lines, University Road, Delhi	0.599 Acres
16.	Khyber Pass (DMRC Ltd.) New Delhi	6000 square meteres

Leaving of Services by Doctors, Engineers and Pilots

†2767. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of doctors, engineers and pilots in armed forces want to quit service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the details of pilots, doctors and engineers who have left the armed forces during the last two years; and

(c) the detailed reasons for leaving their job from the armed forces by officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The number of pilots, doctors and engineers, who have proceeded on premature retirement/resignation during the last two years is as under:

Pilots:

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force	Coast Guard
2004	01	11	116	02
2005	02	17	58	01

Doctors:

Year	Army Medical Corps	Army Dental Corps
2004	31	—
2005	40	2

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.